

REMARKS

Claims 1-18, 20-26 and 28-29 are currently pending with claims 1 and 12 being independent. Claims 1-6, 8, 10-14, 16, 17, 20, 21 and 23-26 have been amended and claims 19 and 27 have been canceled. Independent claims 1 and 12 have been amended to recite detecting a phase difference of a second synchronization signal relative to a first synchronization signal to generate an unmatch signal based on the phase difference, as was previously cited in allowable claims 6 and 19. Claims 1 and 12 have been further amended to remove non-essential features and for further clarification. Dependent claims 2-6, 8, 10, 13, 14, 16, 17, 20, 21, 23, 24 and 26 have been amended to conform to amended claims 1 and 12. No new matter has been introduced.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 5-9, 17 and 19-22 are directed to allowable subject matter.

Claims 1-4, 10-16, 18 and 23-29 have been rejected as anticipated by Cooper (U.S. Patent No. 4,313,135). Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection in view of the amendments to independent claims 1 and 12 to recite the feature that is believed to be the basis for the indication that claims 6 and 19 are directed to allowable subject matter.

Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance.

It is believed that all of the pending issues have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this reply should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this reply, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.


The fee in the amount of \$225 for the two-month extension of time is being paid concurrently herewith on the Electronic Filing System (EFS) by way of Deposit Account authorization. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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